

# **HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON RURAL COMMUNITIES, LAND USE AND WATER**

September 21, 2016  
08:30 AM

Hearing Room C

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Brian Clem, Chair  
Rep. Ken Helm, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Bill Post, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Vic Gilliam  
Rep. David Gomberg  
Rep. Mike McLane  
Rep. Brad Witt

**MEMBER(S) VISITING:** Sen. Kevin Talbert

**STAFF PRESENT:** Beth Reiley, Committee Administrator  
Samantha Koopman, Committee Assistant

**EXHIBITS:** Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** Informational Meeting  
Creative Strategies for Financing Water Storage Projects  
Centers of Excellence Concept for Rural Oregon  
Hot Lake Springs Aquaculture Proposal  
Groundwater Management

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**00:00:09** Meeting Called to Order

**00:00:10** Chair Clem

**00:00:24** [Creative Strategies for Financing Water Storage Projects -  
Informational Meeting](#)

**00:00:25** Chair Clem

**00:01:58** Beth Reiley, Committee Administrator

**00:02:19** Melissa Downes, Office of Columbia River, Washington State Department  
of Ecology

**00:02:24** Jim Skalski, Water Resource Program, Washington State Department of  
Ecology

**00:02:30** Tom Byler, Director, Water Resources Department

**00:25:50** EXHIBITS 1-2: Jonathan Trutt, Executive Director, West Coast  
Infrastructure Exchange

**00:36:24** Vice-Chair Helm

00:36:37 Vice-Chair Post  
00:37:38 Rep. Witt  
00:38:08 EXHIBITS 3-4: J.R. Cook, Director, Northeast Oregon Water Association  
00:47:36 Sen. Talbert  
00:54:08 The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:  
EXHIBIT 5: Craig Lacy, resident, Bend

00:54:26 **Centers of Excellence Concept for Rural Oregon - Informational Meeting**  
00:54:27 Chair Clem  
00:54:49 Rep. McLane  
00:54:56 EXHIBIT 6: Alan Unger, County Commissioner, Deschutes County  
00:54:57 Beth Reiley, Committee Administrator  
00:57:56 Steve Bella, President, Pacific Policy Network

01:23:20 **Hot Lake Springs Aquaculture Proposal - Informational Meeting**  
01:23:21 Chair Clem  
01:24:13 EXHIBIT 7: Michael Keyes, Project Manager, Hot Lake Springs Project  
01:24:40 Rep. McLane  
01:42:10 Vice-Chair Post  
01:46:10 Rep. Gomberg  
01:48:17 Lee Manuel, Owner, Hot Lake Springs  
01:49:05 Rep. Witt

01:53:28 **Groundwater Management - Informational Meeting**  
01:53:29 Chair Clem  
01:53:52 Tom Byler, Director, Water Resources Department  
01:56:22 EXHIBIT 8: Justin Iverson, Groundwater Section Manager, Water Resources Department  
01:59:42 Vice-Chair Post  
02:10:59 Ivan Gall, Field Services Division Administrator, Water Resources Department  
02:11:07 Vice-Chair Helm  
02:13:33 Sen. Talbert  
02:23:13 Rep. McLane  
02:31:58 Meeting Adjourned